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11. In response to reftel points, MFA International Organizations Officer Gabriela Rocha agreed on the importance of having an effective new Director General at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Rocha acknowledged USG preference for five particular candidates, but noted that Portugal's first choice was the Brazilian candidate, in keeping with GOP policy of backing fellow members of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (Portuguese acronym CPLP) in international organizations. However, Rocha indicated Portugal would seriously consider supporting one of the USG-backed five should the Brazilian candidate be eliminated from the running.

12. Reftel points will also be delivered to the National Institute of Industrial Property of the Ministry of Justice on Monday, May 12, after which Post will provide any material update.  
Stephenson